

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
August 10, 2020
7:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees; Mike Johnson, Guy James, Kevin Knott, Jim White, and Joe Bear, not present, Zach Wells, Village Mayor/Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley and Dale Katterhenry, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, and resident Billy Mitchell.

Board Comment: Jim White reported that due to miscommunications this year's MFT project has been postponed until next year. Guy James asked if the Nuisance property is still being handled by attorneys. Mayor will be sending up to date info to Guy, and an update will be on next month's agenda. Clerk Sharon Jeffers reported that a resident called and complimented the maintenance department on the good work they were doing on sidewalks.

FY 20 Audit: Stan Feller presented the FY 20 Audit. He reported that the Village is doing a good job. He commended us on raising our water/sewer rates annually. Especially water because we have an old and aging system that is in need of updating.

FY20 Audit: Joe Bear made the motion to approve FY20 audit, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Minutes: Kevin Knott made the motion to approve regular, and finance meeting minutes as presented, Mike Johnson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Village bills: Guy James made the motion to pay Village bills as presented, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Parking lot payment: Joe Bear made the motion to pay Elite Paving for resurfacing Village Hall Parking lot, \$98,640.98, \$8,640.98 from GF projects fund, \$5,000.00 from remainder of insurance money, and \$85,000.00 from TIF, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, recuse, Raymond Cunningham, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Jim White, recuse, motion approved.

Reports: Joe Bear made the motion to approve treasurer, water, police, zoning, sewer, Maintenance, and Village Hall reports as presented, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- We have received additional funds in MFT from rebuild Illinois
- Treasurers report is not exact, having trouble with County treasurer and getting correct amounts
- A crane is being scheduled to remove and repair pumps at wastewater treatment plant
- Water committee needs to schedule a meeting to discuss water plant improvements
- Need to rent a concrete saw to connect water line from Village Hall to new restrooms
- Meter pit in driveway getting run over, we will place rock around the pit only for protection/

Survey: Solicit bids for surveying farmland and Village Hall

RFP: Kevin Knott made the motion to approve Request for proposals to acquire Village owned real estate located on E Second St, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Zoning hearing: Mike Johnson made the motion to set a zoning hearing prior to next meeting to discuss zoning changes to farmland to industrial, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Water Plant: Water plant upgrade options will be discussed at a water committee meeting.

Intergovernmental Agreement: Mike Johnson made the motion to pass Ordinance 81020 approving intergovernmental TIF agreement with South Homer Township in the amount of \$13,000.00, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, recuse, Raymond Cunningham, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

3" rock base tabled

Adjourn: Mike Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Kevin Knott second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 8:08pm

Posted, Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
GAR Committee Meeting
August 25, 2020
7:00am

Those present: Cemetery Board: Joe Bear, Raymond Cunningham, Zach Wells, Billy Mitchell, and Larry Anders, also present, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers.

Need to trade in oldest lawn mower this year.

We have had several burials so far this year. The Homer Maintenance Department is doing a good job on grave digging. Digging in house has helped financially.

The information board was removed and is being reconstructed. We are asking the Auxiliary if they would like to donate towards the cost of the project. The cost is \$2400 per side and will be paid by outside agencies.

The locust tree still needs to be removed. All stumps were removed but one.

The little shed needs a new roof. Joe is working on getting bids to have the work done. When work is complete the trees around the building need to be trimmed.

Need to have the tar and chip main road milled up and rolled with millings from Village Hall parking lot put on all roads.

2021 plan to have a spring volunteer meeting and a fall volunteer thank you meal. This year cards of thanks will be sent out to those who volunteered.

Sunday, October 25th will be clean up day for the Cemetery.

Adjourn: Zach Wells made the motion to adjourn, Billy Mitchell second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 7:49 am

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village of Homer, Clerk

Village of Homer
500 East Second Street Homer Illinois
August 26, 2020

Attending: Ray Cunningham, Guy James, Joe Bear, Jim White, Ed Shirley, Ryan Byerley. From Farnsworth engineering Zach Knight and Kevin Hannel

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am.

The committee discussed the preparation for cleaning and painting of the water tower. Ed Shirley discussed the improvements that would be required to the water plant for the town to be able to attach a tank for the period of the cleaning and painting. The committee reviewed the costs and options required. These include two VFDs, a 4" supply would be required to connect to the tank, pump rental, a pressure relief valve.

The bid for the rental of a 21,000 gallon NSF61 storage tank from Rainforrent of Joliet Illinois is \$14,100 but upon examination that is for a 60 day duration when the job is estimated at 28 days. Ryan will confirm that price for the board prior to authorization.

Recommendation: The committee recommends that a not to exceed amount of \$20,000 be approved for the renovations necessary to accommodate the cleaning and painting of the water tower. This does not include the cost for the rental of the 21,000 gallon storage tank.

The committee discussed the future of the water plant. The present water plant is difficult to work in and the media tanks are aging. Significant improvements have not been made at the water plant since the 1980s. The board members each felt that a long term plan is required. Farnsworth would be able to draw up a phased approach for future improvements. These would include an answer

Recommendation: The committee recommends that the board authorize Farnsworth engineers to devise a plan for the water plant improvement or replacement and improvements to the distribution system. Estimates for the cost could range from \$15,000 to \$50,000. These costs would be TIF eligible or reimbursed through the construction loans to be obtained.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38.